HOUSE BILL 2050

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to assaultive offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2) and redesignating the existing subdivisions accordingly:

- (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), assault is a Class E felony if the offense is committed against any of the following persons who are discharging or attempting to discharge their official duties:
 - (A) Law enforcement officer;
 - (B) Firefighter;
 - (C) Medical fire responder;
 - (D) Paramedic;
 - (E) Emergency medical technician;
 - (F) Health care provider; or
 - (G) Any other first responder.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.